

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RECESSED SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, March 5, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met for a Recessed Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Absent were:

Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Marion Welborn

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager/Finance Officer, Lisa Hughes; and Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry.

Chairman Austin called the meeting back to order from recess at 7:00pm.

The Board discussed the following matters:

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Resolution Declaring Intent to Sell, Lease, or Convey a Hospital Facility

Chairman Austin opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.

Nolan Brown asked for clarification on what tonight's public hearing was about and what was happening with the Hospital. Chairman Austin stated the Board of Commissioners had previously adopted a resolution entitled Resolution Declaring the Intent of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, North Carolina to Lease, Sell or Convey Yadkin County Hospital. The passing of the resolution was required by General Statute and that same Statute requires a public hearing be held on the adopted resolution. Tonight's public hearing is being held to give the citizens an opportunity to comment on the adopted resolution of intent. County Manager Hughes stated the resolution the Board adopted is just for the leasing of the building, it is not about the Hospital operations. In order for the County to lease the building to anyone, the County has to meet the requirements of General Statute 131E. The resolution declaring the Board's intent was adopted on February 16, 2015. The RFP was also issued at that meeting. The Statute stated the RFP had to be sent to five different entities so the RFP was sent to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes, Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, and Wilkes Regional Medical Center. HMC and Frontier requested a copy of the RFP so it has also been sent to both of those entities as well. The proposals are due back to the County by March 19, 2015. There will be a public hearing on those proposals on April 6, 2015.

Nolan Brown asked about the RFP. He wanted to know if the questions were more specific or if they were more open ended. He wanted to be sure there would still be an emergency room at the Hospital that would be open 24/7. He wanted to know if the Hospital would maintain its Critical Access designation. He also wanted to know how long the lease would be for. He feels that a two year lease would not be long enough but he doesn't want the lease to be for too long a time period either. County Manager Hughes went over the RFP and what it requires from the entities who submit proposals. The RFP states that the lessee will have to continue to provide the same or similar hospital services as are currently offered, including emergency treatment services. The Hospital will continue to provide 24/7 emergency room services. While the RFP may not specifically say that the Critical Access designation has to be maintained, that is the County's intent. With the Hospital continuing to operate and provide the same services, the designation should not be lost. That designation is very important because it has a real impact on the financial stability of the Hospital. The Critical Access designation means that that Hospital will receive more Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement funds than it would receive otherwise. The term of

the lease would be something the County would work out with whichever provider is chosen. The RFP asks those submitting a proposal to describe their commitment to the continued employment of the current Hospital employees and the continuation of equivalent benefits.

Mark Brown asked about the proposals being looked at objectively. He mentioned that Chairman Austin serves on Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital's board and they were one of the entities that received the RFP. He thanked Chairman Austin for serving on various boards and said he did not ask the question in an accusatory way but just as an item of interest. He was assured that all of the proposals that are submitted will be looked at objectively. All five of the Commissioners want what is best for the County and will be reviewing those proposals impartially.

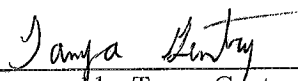
Three Hospital employees were present. Aaron Gibson, the HR Director of the Hospital, wanted to know if any proposals had come in yet. County Manager Hughes informed those present that no proposals have been submitted yet. The proposals are not due until March 19th and it is not unusual for proposals to be submitted on the last day. Aaron Gibson moved here from Florida last June to work at the Hospital. He said that work has picked up and wonderful things are happening at the Hospital.

In closing, the public was reminded that March 19, 2015 is the deadline for proposals to lease the Hospital to be submitted to the County. A Public Hearing on the submitted proposals will be held at the Board's April 6, 2015 9:00am regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairman Austin closed the public hearing at 7:31pm.

Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney. Commissioner Zachary second.
Vote: 3/0.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session**, Vice **Chairman Moxley made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zachary second.**
Vote: 3/0.


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Deputy Clerk to the Board


Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of
Commissioners

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Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners